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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants submit this Information Disclosure Statement together with a completed Form PTO/SB/08a and one copy of each foreign reference identified therein. The cited United States patents are not enclosed pursuant to the waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(i) for U.S. patent applications filed after June 30, 2003.

This application is the U.S. national phase of PCT Application No. PCT/JP2004/018712, filed December 15, 2004, corresponding and claiming priority to Japanese Application No. JP 2003-419314, filed December 17, 2003.

CH 405839; JP 9-16503; GB 1070359; and JP 47-25710, which are all identified on Form PTO/SB/08a, were cited in an International Search Report (ISR), dated January 26,

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2005 in the underlying PCT Application. CH 405839; JP 9-16503; and JP 47-25710 were also cited in an International Preliminary Report on Patentability (IPRP), dated August 22, 2006. The attached copies of CH 405839 and JP 9-16503 are each accompanied by a partial English-language translation. U.S. Patent No. 3,709,526 is identified herewith as an English-language equivalent to JP 47-25710.

Copies of the ISR and IPRP are submitted herewith. The references cited in the ISR and IPRP are relevant for the reasons stated therein. JP 9-303636 was cited in the Applicants' specification at paragraph [0002] and is relevant for the reasons provided therein. The attached copy of JP 9-303636 is accompanied by an English-language Abstract.

In addition, the remaining references identified on Form PTO/SB/08a were cited in a Japanese Office Action, dated September 4, 2008, in a counterpart Japanese Application, and are relevant for the reasons provided therein. A summary of the Japanese Office Action is also submitted herewith. The attached copies of JP 55-54788, JP 56-155188, JP 55-109809 and JP 51-86821 are each accompanied by an English-language Abstract. U.S. Patent No. 4,540,204 is identified herewith as an English-language equivalent to JP 04-75438.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(2), Applicants submit herewith the required petition fee in the amount of \$180.00 for submission of this Information Disclosure Statement which is being submitted after issuance of a first Office Action but before the mailing date of a final Office Action. The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0650.

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